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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**In the drawings:**

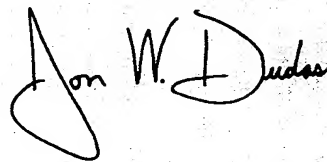
In FIG.10, change reference numeral "44" to --28--

**In the claims:**

CLAIM 1, COLUMN 11, LINE 23, change "nitrogen, silicon" to --nitrogen,  
the silicon--  
CLAIM 4, COLUMN 11, LINE 48, change "the production silicon" to  
--the silicon--  
CLAIM 8, COLUMN 11, LINE 63, change "suicide" to --silicide--  
CLAIM 16, COLUMN 12, LINE 55, change "while sputtering" to  
--while depositing--

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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